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In the application of:

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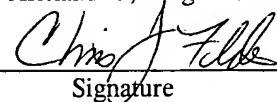
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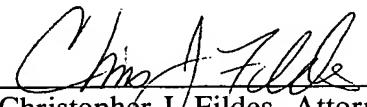
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2007, applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-13 drawn to a surgical instrument.

Respectfully submitted,

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